

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated August 21, 2008, claims 1, 3 and 24-37 were pending. Claims 1, 3 and 24-31 are allowed. Claims 32-34 and 36-37 are rejected. Claim 35 is objected to.

In response, claim 35 is canceled without prejudice. Claim 32 is amended. Accordingly, claims 1, 3, 24-34 and 36-37 are pending in the application. No new matter is added.

Applicant responds to the comments in the Office Action as follows.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102

The Office Action states that claims 32-34 and 36-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Anscher (U.S. Patent No. 6,000,109). In particular, the Office Action states that Anscher teaches each and every element of the rejected claims. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Claim 32 is amended to incorporate the subject matter recited in objected to claim 35, which previously depended upon claim 32. Because claim 35 is allowable if rewritten to include the subject matter of the base claim and any intervening claims, by

incorporating the subject matter of claim 35 into independent claim 32, claim 32 is now allowable.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of claim 32 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Anscher is overcome, and respectfully requests that it be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claims 33-34 and 36-37 ultimately depend upon and further limit claim 32, and should also be allowable. Reconsideration of claims 33-34 and 36-37 is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the finding of allowance for claims 1, 3 and 24-31. Applicant further acknowledges the allowability of claim 35 if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant submits with this response amendments to claim 32, to incorporate the subject matter of claim 35. Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that claims 32-34 and 36-37 are allowable, as discussed above.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and discussion, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance and earnestly solicits notice to that effect. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance of the present application.

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